

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph commencing on page 16, line 6, as follows:

FIG. 12 is a detailed block diagram showing the filter 103. The same parts as those of the first embodiment will be denoted at the same reference as those of the first embodiment, and detailed explanation thereof will be omitted herefrom. As shown in this figure, the filter 103 includes a filter 309 for upstream data, a reception I/F 308, and a transmission I/F 310, in addition to components forming the structure of the filter according to the first embodiment shown in FIG. 5. The upstream filter 309 is controlled so as to carry out data reception in the same procedure as that of the schedule for downstream data. Information for filtering downstream data is not received through an RF cable but is received through another telephone line or LAN by the reception I/F ~~[[308]]~~ 37 and is supplied to the CPU 31. Based on this filtering information and schedule data, the CPU 31 executes filtering on downstream data.